Musical slated at Rustburg

For the first time in three years, Rustburg High School will present a musical for their spring production. George M. Cohan's "Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway" will be performed March 29 and 30 at 8 p.m.

The musical is about a group of high school drama students and the frustrations they have of picking a spring musical. As the story moves along, the student director, portrayed by Charals Arthur, receives a blow on the head and dreams that he is the star of Mr. Cohan's musical, which takes place in the 1920's.

The other cast members are: Ben/George M. Cohan, Clarence Davis; Gemma/Miss Higgins, Beth Lambert; Miss Tempelton, Evon Perkins; Dani/Flora Dora Dean, Donia Henderson; Steve/Tom Bennett, Tim Morefield; Corinne/Mrs. Dean, Ana Williamson; Chris/Joe Crowin, James Locke; Wilhelmina/Mary, Judy Hall; Roselynn/Mrs. Purdy, Alice Rush; Police Captain, Carl Locke; Extras include: Patricia Hunter, Sharon Peery, Yolar Patillo, Bonita Elliott, Kelly Danie.

The show, a schoolwide effort, is under the musical direction of Ms. Sharon Williams, chorus teacher at both RHS and RMS. Miss Martha Wilson is production coordinator. Patricia Hunter is the student director and stage manager. Mary Carson is the choreographer. The sets were constructed by the Agriculture IV class under the supervision of Carey Lee. The lumber was donated by Nash Timber Corporation. Trina Hicks, Jacklyn Smith, Angie Brown, Cindy Lawson, and Ann Michanski designed and painted the sets. Trina Hicks, an art and drama student, designed the publicity poster. Home Economics and drama students are in charge of costume construction. The speech and drama students are in charge of all publicity.

"Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway" is produced in cooperation with the Dramatic Publishing Company, Chicago. Tickets can be purchased by calling Rustburg High School. The tickets will be $2.00 in advance and $3.00 at the door. Tickets are on sale now at the school. All seats are reserved.

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Happiness is 4-H

Area competition slated

Appomattox will be well represented at the Area Junior/Intermediate Contest which will be held Saturday, March 21, at Rustburg Middle School. Winners from last Saturday's County Presentation program and previous winners in Share-the-Fun, Fashion Revue, and Public Speaking will be participating in the area contest. 4-H members from Campbell County, Bedford County, Amherst County, Halifax County and the City of Lynchburg will also be involved in the Area 4-H program.

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4-H members are again reminded that tobacco project record books are available for Dark Tobacco, Flue Cured Tobacco, and Burley Tobacco. Now is the time to begin with this year's record keeping. In past years, 4-H'ers Craig Ranson, Kenneth McClenny and Brett Marston have made outstanding achievements in the 4-H tobacco projects.

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Holiday Lake 4-H Camp applications will be available to 4-H members during their April meetings. Appomattox members will have the opportunity to attend camp during the week of July 9 - 13. Application deadlines will be June 15.

A planning committee composed of members and volunteers who participated in last year's camp will meet in April to make plans for this summer's 4-H Camp. Ideas for new classes, programs and activities are always welcome.

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The 4-H Horse and Pony Club will sponsor a "Lollipop" Horse Show on Saturday, April 28, at the Holiday Lake 4-H Center Horse Ring. This will be a show for youngsters up to 12 years of age. Participants will not need horses as they will be sitting on horses and ponies which will be led by members of the club. Classes will be broken down to include those under 5, ages 5-9 and 9-12. Members of the club will be making posters and announcements at their April 5 meeting. Questions may be directed to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brochard (248-6831).

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Delegates for the Interstate Exchange Trip to Texas will be selected this week. Approximately twenty Appomattox Teens will have the opportunity to travel to Texas (Bailey County) during the last part of July. The Texas trip will complete the exchange which began last year when Texas young people visited in Appomattox.

STUDENTS AT Appomattox Elementary School celebrated the arrival of Spring last week by launching 715 helium baloons. The event is sponsored by Weekly Reader, and the baloon travelling the greatest distance will generate $500 for school use from Weekly Reader. Last year, more than 500,000 children took part in the Weekly Reader Writing Pals Balloon Contest nationwide. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Barter Theatre performance set

By FRANCES ABBITT

The world famous Barter Players will be coming to Appomattox on Friday, April 6 at 8 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School Auditorium, sponsored by the Appomattox Garden Club.

The Barter Players presentation for this spring tour will be "Tintypes", a delightful musical revenue that captures the mood of the-turn-of-the-century in an unforgetable manner.

Fast-paced, top-tapping, "Tintypes" offers an outstanding collection of forty-five songs that bring back memories of another time. Songs like "In My Merry Oldsmobile," "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Meet Me in St. Louis," "A Hot Time In the Old Town Tonight," "Wabash Cannon Ball," and "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home," guarantee an evening of rhythm and rhyme.

It has been said that to understand American history, study our popular songs. We can be seen through what we sing. Through "Tintypes," we get a picture of by-gone days, times of change and challenge.

The Barter Theatre, noted for fifty years of tradition and quality, had its beginning in the depression of the 1930's. It was a young actor, Robert Porterfield, living in New York, and out of work, who began to think of the unemployment that faced him and his collegues during the hungry months ahead.

Back home in Virginia the farmlands were producing good things in abundance, more than could be sold. Porterfield began to think. The people in Virginia, many of them, didn't have money for entertainment, but oh, how they longed for a bit of fun and gaity in trying days of the depression.

So, with a dream in his heart, Porterfield packed his few belongings, rounded up 22 fellow actors who were out of work and headed for his family home in the farm country of Washington County, Virginia.

On June 10, 1933 the Barter Theater opened its doors in Abingdon, Virginia for the first time. The slogan, "Buy a good laugh with vegetables you cannot sell," brought in audiences, many for their first taste of live, professional theatre. The audiences bartered for their tickets with food from their farms, gardens and larders. "Ham for Hamlet" became a well-known saying.

When the first season of the Barter Theater closed its first season, the company had about $4.35 in cash two barrels of jelly and a collective weight gain of over three hundred pounds!

During the first years of operation, the Barter players occupied the buildings of the defunct Martha Washington College for Girls, a victim of the depression. It was during the mid-thirties, the town rented out the City Hall Building as a movie theatre and the old college was to be renovated for opening as the Martha Washington Inn. The Barter Players moved their operation a half-mile away to "The Hill", to buildings formerly occupied by the Stonewall Jackson Institute. The company lived in a dormitory known as The Inn and rehearsed and performed in what was previously the school's auditorium.

The hams, potatoes and jelly kept coming in and the theatre thrived, attracting many and rapidly gaining a reputation for quality entertainment.

Playwrights often accepted a Virginia ham in payment in lieu of royalty fees. However, George Bernard Shaw was a vegetarian and requested spinach.

In 1946 Barter was named the State Theatre of Virginia, the first State Theatre in the nation. Barter is also a charter member of the League of Resident Theatres.

Robert Porterfield died in 1971. His successor, current Artistic Director Rex Partington began at Barter as an actor in 1950.

Barter Theatre is the oldest longest running professional theatre in the country and this year celebrates the start of its second half-century.

Garden Club members making up

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WATS line installed

The Virginia Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation has installed a WATS line for people to call for information on the disease at no cost to them.

If you live in an area where it is a toll charge to call to the nearest office, just dial 1-800-552-4045.

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Big celebration set at historical park

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recognition, which could be no other than a salute of arms.

Before us in proud humiliation stood the embodiment of manhood: men whom neither toils and sufferings, nor the fact of death, nor disaster, nor hopelessness could bend from their resolve; standing before us now, thin, worn, and famished, but erect and with eyes looking level into ours, walking memories that bound us together as no other bond; - was not such manhood to be welcomed back into a Union so tested and assured?

Instruction had been given: and when the head of each division column comes opposite our group, our bugle sounds the signal and instantly our whole line from right to left, regiment by regiment in succession, gives the soldier's salutation, from the "order arms" top the old "carry" - the marching salute. Gordon at the head of the column, riding with heavy spirit and downcast face, catches the sould of shifting arms, looks up, and taking the meaning, wheels superbly, making with himself and his horse one uplifted figure, with profound salutation as he drops the point of his sword to the boot toe; then facing to his own command, gives word for his successive brigades to pass us with the same position of the manuel - honor answering honor. On our part not a sound of trumpet more, nor roll of drum; not a cheer, nor word nor whisper of vain - glorying, nor motion of man standing again at the order, but an awed stillness rather, and breath-holding as if it were the passing of the dead!

As each successive division masks our own, it halts, the men face inward towards us across the road, twelve feet away; then carefully "dress" their line, each captain taking pains for the good appearance of his company, worn and half starved as they were. The field and staff take their positions in the intervals of regiments; generals in rear of their commands. They fix bayonets, stack arms; then, hesitatingly, remove cartridge-boxes and lay them down. Lastly, - reluctantly, with agony of expression - they tenderly fold their flags, battle-worn and torn, blood-stained, heart-holding colors, and lay them down; some frenziedly rushing from the ranks, kneeling over them, clinging to them, pressing them to their lips with burning tears. And only the Flag of the Union greets the sky!"

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Because parking facilities at Appomattox Court House NHP are extremely limited, parking will be provided, after the main parking lot has been filed, in the surrounding fields. In the event of extremely wet weather, this parking will not be available and the ceremony will be cancelled. For additional informaiton, please call 352-8987.

Local Honor Rolls

APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL - FOURTH SIX WEEKS

Ninth Grade - Boys

"A" Honor Roll
Warren Moore

GIRLS

Jennifer Coleman, Aretha Johnson, Dawn Kerr, Annette Turner, Kelly Webber.

"B" Honor Roll
John Cawthorne, William Crafton, R. W. Jamerson, Anthony Jones, Troy Loveday, Tony Martin, Wayne Martin, Andre McCoy, Brian Mitchell, Curtis Moore, Robbie Mongold, Jeff Motley, Barry Phelps, Robbie Phillips, Jeff Scruggs, Tim Seamster.

Teresa Austin, Kathy Brian, Teresa Clark, Christina Cordell, WandaDaniels, Kelly Godsey, Terri Hancock, Cheryl Hastings, Cheryl Johns, JoAnna Layne, Robin LeGrand, Margie Lechner, Kim McChesney, Kim Osborne, Jennifer Smith, Monica Stratton, Terri Trent, Tonia Watson, Cheryl Wotten.

"Honorable Mention"
Mark Anthony, John Pollison, Kevin Harrison, Jim Kennon, David O'Brien, Gerald Ryan, Tryy Totty, Kathy Brown, Audra Doss, Geneese Hite, Angela Jaggers, Dana Lord, Ann Nolen, Debbie Raleigh, Jessica Ransley, Leigh Ann Taylor, Karen Trent, Tammy Weaver, Dorinda Woodford.

Tenth Grade Boys
"A" Honor Roll
Darrell Conner, Bret Marston.

Tenth Grade Girls
Susan Booker, Lisa Daubenspeck, Ada Hunter, Paige Jones, Shelia Mullins, Traci Paulette, Janet Smith, Lisa Williamsond.

"B" Honor Roll
Howard Anderson, Billy Carter, Jasopn Justis, Mark Mayberry, Tim Mullins, Darren Talley, Russell Walton.
Cheryl Austin, Jeannice Baytah, Shannon Elder, Janice Lewis, Martha Haley, Rena Hammer, Anne Hancock, Renee Harris, Lisa Harrison, JoAnn Jamerson, Pat Lewis, Stephanie Martin, April Moore, Rhonda Morgan, Tiffany Royal, Sherry Wilcox

Honorable Mention
Benny Beasley, Roy Brennen, James Cash, Jimmy Fillingame, Renee Marsh Sherry Purcell, Tina Russell, Barbara Slagle, Lora Thompson, Yolanda Trent, Cindy Whitehead

Seventh Grade - Boys
"A" Honor Roll
Richard Steadman

Girls
Tracy Trent, Sandy Walton

"B" Honor Roll
Tim Austin, Phil Bollinger, Timmy Lawson, Danny Notestine, James Pillow, Jr., David Williams, Cat Ballowe, Tina Campbell, Sally Coleman, Pam Franklin, JoAnn Garrett, Gina McCormick, Leslie Ranson, Cathy Robertson, Barbara Rosser, JoAnn Spradling

"Honorable Mention"
Lonnie Hamlett, Kenneth McClenny, Delois Money, Michelle Ford, Heather Williams.

IGrade
"A" Honor Roll
Mike McCoy
Lori Coggins, Kim Snupe

"B" Honor Roll
Tim Almond, Bobby Carter, Larry Mann, Teresa Arrington, Kaye Brown, Crystal Carter, Connie Clifton, Judy Doss, Lisa Pannell, Vivian Seay, Karen Stevens, LaDell Wright.

"Honorable Mention"
Scott Almond, Jay Chesnutt, Scott Drinkard, Duane Fillingame, Freddy Lawson, Tyree Lee, Neal Leonard, Todd Thompson, Lorraine Freeman, Tammy Carter, Judy Christian, Lisa Doss, Margaretta Flood, Kim Hancock, Helen Mayberry, Charlotte Moore, Lisa Tucker, Shelia Woodson.

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Baseball opener set for Friday

The Raider varsity baseball team opens its season Friday at Rustburg, with a 4:30 p.m. game against the Red Devils.

The Raiders, who won the Seminole District championship last year and compiled an 18-4 record before being eliminated in the regional tournament final, have three returning starters and five other players who were on last year's team.

Pitcher/third-baseman Paul Johnson, outfielder Gary Ferguson and pitcher/designated hitter Mike Jackson are all returning starters from the 1983 Raider squad.

Others who played last year and are returning to the 1984 squad are Timmy Austin (outfield, pitcher), Phil Bollinger (third base, outfield), Tony Mann (second base), Jay Chenault (first base), and Tony Chandler (short stop, second base).

Newcomers to the team this season are Mike Ferguson (utility), Kenny Richardson (outfield), Ron Guill (outfield), Kevin Kendricks (first base), R.L. Waldo (catcher), Tom Cobb (second base), Curtis Pearson (outfield), Lonnie Hamlett (third base), Ron Kelso (outfield), and Russell Walton (catcher).

While last year's Raider team, which set several school offensive records, was a heavy-hitting team, Raider coach Howard Clabough says this year's Raider squad will have to depend more on the running game. "We'll have to resort to bunting, hit and run, and stealing bases more than last year," the coach says.

"The overall hitting strength of out team this season is still a question mark," Clabough says. "But after two scrimmages, I'd say that pitching is a strength on the team."

Pitchers Paul Johnson, Mike Jackson and Tim Austin have all "progressed well" so far this spring, according to the coach. He adds that Mike Ferguson will also be used on the mound for the Raiders this season.

Many of the other positions are still being contested, according to the coach.

R.L. Waldo and Russell Walton are vying for the catcher's position, and Jay Chenault, Kevin Kendricks and Mike Jackson are competing for the first-baseman's spot.

Tony Mann and Tom Cobb will both likely see action at second base, and Phil Bollinger, Paul Johnson, and Lonnie Hamlett will see action at third base.

Tony Chandler and Mike Ferguson are vying for the short stop position, and Raider outfield will see playing time by Gary Ferguson, Ron Kelso, Tim Austin, Ken Richardson, Ron Guill and Curtis Pearson.

Gary Ferguson and Jay Chenault were voted team captains for the 1984 Raider squad.

"I look for this to be a very competitive year in the Seminole District in baseball," comments Clabough. "Liberty has a lot of talent back from last year's team, and I also expect that Rustburg, Gretna and Altavista will have strong teams, based on the players they have returning."

"We have an enthusiastic bunch of young players, with some talent that can be developed," the coach adds. "I expect pitching to be strong on our team. If we can get our offense on track, we could make things interesting this season."

53 turn out for track team at high school

The Appomattox County High School track team will open its season tomorrow (Thursday) at Rustburg in a three-way meet with Rustburg and Buckingham.

A total of 53 athletes are participating in the ACHS track program this season, including 27 boys, 22 girls, three eighth-grade girls and one eighth-grade boy.

Boys returning to this year's track team include Pete Baldwin, Roy Brennen, Stanley Cobbs, Tobb Cunningham, James Fillingame, Roger Guill, Edward Johnson, Mark Mayberry, Malcolm Miller, Lewis Napier, Tommy Richardson, Dale Robinson, Todd Scruggs, Larry Shorter, Jack Williams and Roger Willis.

Newcomers to the boys' track team this season include Tim Almond, John Fedison, Jeff Fulton, Eric Jones, Jeff O'Brien, Gerald Ryan, Todd Thompson, Thad Shumaker, Troy Totty, Ken Watkins, and David Wingfield.

Eighth-grader Earl Archer is also participating in this year's track program.

Girls returning to this season's track team from last year include April Archer, Teresa Austin, Angie Goode, Ronda Morgan, P.D. Myrick, Fontella Robinson, Lynn Robinson, Kim Snupe, Janet Smith, Yolanda Trent, Nancy Woolridge, and LaDell Wright.

Girls participating in the track program for the first time this season include Nancy Cole, Tracey Fitch, Carolyn Knight, B.J. Martin, April Moore, Traci Paulette, Katy Schuster, Terri Trent, Sherry Wilcox, and Karen Trent.

Three eighth-grade girls participating in the track program this season include Katrina Archer, Christie Tucker and Amanda Walton.

Co-captains of the track team this season include Malcolm Miller and Lynn Robinson.

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Nine girls return to softball team

Nine girls from last year's Raiderette softball team have returned to play softball this season. The Raiderettes play their first game Friday against Rustburg at home, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Returning to this year's team from the 1983 season are senior co-captains Kim Hancock (first base) and Janet Thomas (outfield).

Other senior returnees this season include Diann Jones (third base), Lisa Pannell (outfield), and Vivian Seay (outfield, designated hitter).

Juniors on this year's team who played last year include Marsha Cheatham (short stop), Carolyn Cheatham (outfield, third base), and Beth Granato (pitcher).

Shelia Mullins, a sophomore, is also returning to play softball, after playing varsity as a freshman last year.

Karen McFadden (second base) and Sandra Watkins (outfield, pitcher) are two seniors new on the team this year. Ursula Allen, an outfielder, is a junior playing varisty softball for the first time this season. And, freshmen Kim Osborne (catcher), Aretha Johnson (outfield, catcher), Renee Wesley (outfield), Jewel McCoy (pitcher), Sydni Johnson (second base), Terri Hancock (second base, outfield), and Brenda Pulley (first base, outfield) are all playing varsity softball for the first time this season.

While the permanent starting lineup is not certain at this point in the season, Raiderette coach Mary Tolley says she will likely go with Mullins and Granato at pitcher, Osborne and Johnson at catcher, Hancock at first base, McFadden at second base, Jones at third base, Marsha Cheatham at short stop, and Janet Thomas, Sandra Watkins, and Renee Wesley at outfield.

Tolley says the team's strength at this point appears to be defense, particularly in the infield. "We have good experience in the infield," the coach says. "There's some inexperience in the outfield, but I think with time, the outfielders will come along."

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Tolley also says the team has good speed on the bases. "We do need work on our hitting," the coach notes.

Looking at the district this season, Tolley notes that "the Seminole District looks to be pretty strong this year, overall. Brookville should be strong; they didn't lose any of their starters from last season. And Buckingham looked good in our scrimmage game with them."

Tolley believes that pitching will be a determining factor in the success of any teams which lead the district this season.

"It should be a tight race in the Seminole District this season," Tolley says. "I don't think any team will go undefeated."

As for the Raiderettes, Tolley feels that "how quickly my new girls learn their positions will determine how well we do, especially in the early part of the season."

Lawson to lead netmen

Freddie Lawson, the 1983 Seminole District tennis singles champion, is one of four returning tennis players on this year's Appomattox County High School tennis team. The Raiders won one match and lost a match in their first week of play.

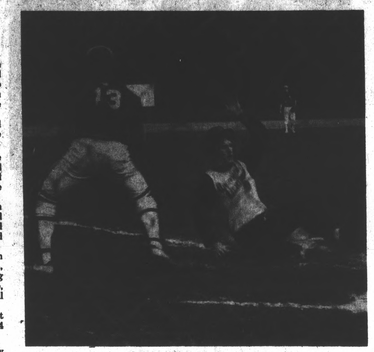
Lawson had a record of 2-0 as of press time Tuesday. Stan Slagle (0-1), Bobby Carter (1-1), and Mike McCoy (1-1), are the other tennis players on this year's team who played for the Raiders last year.

Also on the boys' team this season are Kinkle Robinson, Darrell Conner, Howard Anderson, Billy Carter and Billy Caldwell.

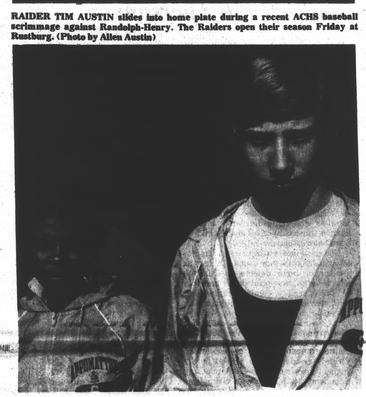
The Raiders lost their first match of the season last Tuesday to Brookville, 7-2. Friday, however, the Raiders came back to defeat Altavista, 6-3. Lawson, Carter, Robinson and McCoy won their singles matches, and the Lawson-Carter and McCoy-Robinson doubles teams won their matches, as well.

"The kids have been hustling really well. They've had good practices," comments Raider tennis coach Doug Marshall. "There's no particular aspect of our game that's overpowering, but we have a bunch of kids that hang in there, and that eventually pays off."

The Raiders were scheduled to play Liberty at home Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline, and the team will play Gretna at home Friday. The match is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m.



RAIDER TIM AUSTIN slides into home plate during a recent ACHS baseball scrimmage against Randolph-Henry. The Raiders open their season Friday at Rustburg. (Photo by Allen Austin)



THE CO-CAPTAINS OF THE 1984 Appomattox County High School track team are Lynn Robinson and Malcolm Miller. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

DYL registration underway

With Spring fast approaching, plans are underway for the 1984 Dixie Youth Baseball program, which will be conducted again this year at the recently improved Appomattox Town Ball Park.

Three leagues are offered for male and female athletes this season: Boys (ages 13 and 14); Pre-Majors (ages 15 and 16), and Majors (ages 17 and 18).

Registration is being conducted at Best Furniture Company, on Highway 460 east of the town of Appomattox, anytime during store hours. The registration fee is $8.

Athletes are asked to sign-up as soon as possible. There will be more games this year, so the season will begin sooner.

Athletes who played last year and still have their uniforms are asked to bring the uniforms with them when they come to register for this season.

For additional information on the baseball program, call Bookie Johnson at 352-7721.

Five form core for team

First-year Raiderette tennis coach Jan Jennings has five girls returning to play tennis from the 1983 squad.

Sally Coleman, Anne Caldwell, Michelle Ford, Susan Booker, and Donna Dickerson are all back from the 1983 version of the Raiderette tennis team.

Newcomers to this year's girls' tennis team include Anne Hancock, Jennifer Coleman, Monica Stratton, and Danna Lee.

The Raiderettes lost their season opener to a powerful Brookville team last Tuesday, 9-0.

"The girls all have very good form, and they've had good instruction in tennis fundamentals prior to the season,' comments Jennings.

"I think as soon as the weather breaks and we can get outside and get in several good days of practice, we will see considerable improvement in our level of play. All the girls are good hitters, and they move on the court well. I also believe we have good potential in our young players who have moved up this season."

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play Liberty Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Friday afternoon, the girls are scheduled to play Gretna at Gretna. The match is scheduled to begin at 4:30.

'Miss Appomattox' contest set

The second annual Miss Appomattox Pageant is planned for April 28 at 1 p.m. in the Woodmen of the World building, according to pageant organizer Evelyn Thompson.

Five categories of competition will be featured this year: Baby Miss (ages 2-4), Tiny Miss (ages 5-9), Pre-Teen (ages 10-12), Junior (ages 13-15), and Senior (ages 16-21).

Those wanting further information about the pageant are asked to contact Evelyn Thompson at 352-7591.

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